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ALA Annual 2000 Meets in Chicago



ALA Annual 2000 was held in Chicago on July 6-12. The Windy City offered many delightful diversions along with ALA's usual productive programming. Conference goers were fortunate enough to be in Chicago during "Taste of Chicago," a culinary street fair held each year in Grant Park. Good restaurants, excellent programs, plenty of exercise walking between meetings, and discussions about the debut of the fourth Harry Potter novel made for an exciting conference.

The Theme of the Conference was "Libraries Build Community." Appropriately, the EBSS Program was held at the Chicago Historical Society, a community-based organization well known for its collaborative efforts with other Chicago organizations.

The title of the program, held on Saturday July 8, was "Collaborative Cool: Partnerships that Produce." Russell L. Lewis Jr. (Acting Co-President and Andrew W. Mellon Director for Collections and Research) began the program with an overview of the Society's varied holdings. He discussed the changing mission of the Society which is a privately endowed institution devoted to collecting and interpreting the rich heritage of Chicago. Lewis described several recent collaborative projects, including the "Great Chicago Fire" web site. An "Encyclopedia of Chicago History" is currently being produced in partnership with the Newberry Library.

Chicago Historical Society's extremely popular and very interactive web site can be viewed at <http://www.chicagohistory.org/>

The program also provided EBSS with the opportunity to present Leslie Bjorncrantz of Northwestern University, with the annual EBSS "Distinguished Librarian Award."

Ellen Gilbert contributed to this article.

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ALA Annual Conference



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ACRL 2001 Conference Slated for Denver

Explore the critical issues facing academic librarianship and higher education at ACRL's 10th National Conference.

Join ACRL in Denver, March 15-18, 2001 for "ACRL X: Crossing the Divide." Stimulate your thinking with a diverse slate of keynote speakers and featured presenters. Choose from over 200 peer-reviewed programs and gain skills to take back to your library. Network with colleagues during poster sessions and roundtable discussions. Visit with over 200 vendors and learn about state-of-the-art products and services at the exhibits. Experience what the Mile High City has to offer by choosing from a variety of tours. Or you can hit the March powder on the slopes.



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Complete details and registration forms are available on the web at: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/denver.html>. Call (800) 545-2433, ext 2522 or email acrl@ala.org with questions.

The 30th Annual IASL Conference and Exhibition will take place July 9-12, 2001 in Auckland, New Zealand. For more information on the International Association of School Librarians visit <http://www.hi.is/~anne/iasl.html>. IASL met jointly with AASL in Birmingham, AL in November 1999 and with the Swedish Library Association in August 2000.

EBSS Committee Reports
Most Committees met July 8, 2000, 9:30 am–12:30 pm

Curriculum Materials Committee
Jeannie Kamerman, University of West Florida,
Pensacola, FL

Current projects for the CMC include a Web Page of Curriculum Library Web sites useful to CMC librarians. In addition, the roster of current Webliography assignments was reviewed. They include Assessment / Educational Tests - Judy Walker; Associations Agencies and Organizations - Yvonne Roux; Children's and Young Adult Literature - Ann Brownson; Early Childhood Education - Judy Druse; Education Administration - Judy Walker; Educational Foundations - Dorothy Schleicher; Educational Statistics - Judy Druse; ESL / Bilingual Education - J. Kamerman & John Hickock; Electronic Journals - Penny Beile; Instructional Technology - J. Kamerman; Lesson Plans Teaching Activities - A. Brownson; Multicultural Education - Verna Silms; National Standards - J. Walker; School Counseling & Psychology - Trish Lenkowski; Special Education - Dennis Kreps.

Ad Hoc Committees were discussed. Nancy O'Brien reported that to date there are 75 institutions listed in the Test Collections Directory, which will be sent to the Publications and Communications Committee in mid October. Chairs of the other Ad Hoc Committees include Gary Lare, CMC Management; Fred Olive, CMC Directory Committee; CMC Standards and Guidelines - J. Walker; School Librarians with Think Quest, explored how electronic resources are integrated in CMC Collections.

Distinguished EBSS Librarian
Award Committee
Tammy Rabideau, Swarthmore University,
Swarthmore, PA

Leslie Bjorncrantz is the recipient of the 2000 DLIB Award presented in Chicago at ALA Annual. Nominations for the 2001 Award are due December 1, 2000. Nominees should have demonstrated achievements in one or more of the following areas: Service to the organized profession through ACRL/EBSS and related organizations. Significant academic library service in the areas of education and / or behavioral sciences. Significant research and publication or planning and implementation of academic library programs in education and/ or the behavioral sciences disciplines of such exemplary quality that

they could serve as a model for others. Send ten copies of the award nomination form (available from the committee chair) to Tammy L. Rabideau, Digital Services Librarian, McCabe Library, Swarthmore College Libraries, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081, Phone: (610) 328-8647, Fax: (610) 328-7329, Email: trabidel@swarthmore.edu.



Instruction for Educators Committee

Instruction for Educators Committee
Doug Cook, Shippensburg State University,
Shippensburg, PA

The committee's primary task for the next year is to complete an article entitled, "When may a child be counted as a six year old?" This article will review web sites where education-related statistics can be obtained. Scott Walter is acting as the Project Director for the article, which has the approval of the EBSS Publication Committee. As a start for the article, Sarah Beasley put together an excellent list of web sites that have potential to be included. Much of our meeting time was spent discussing audience, format and evaluation standards. The following statistical categories were assigned and will become the rough outline for the article: data sets, fast facts, meta sites, state K-12 sites, practitioner sites, international sites, webliographies, advocacy groups, higher education, Statistical Abstracts, and National Center for Education Statistics. The committee plans to have a first draft of the article by Midwinter 2001.

Membership & Orientation Committee
Nancy O'Brien, chair pro-tem; University of
Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

The Committee discussed the ACRL Strategic Plan, as well as the EBSS New Chair Orientation. Suggestions for the meeting included the following points: A model agenda should be developed that lists each speaker by role. In the future, this session should be called the EBSS New Leader Orientation to indicate that new committee chairs and officers should attend. N. O'Brien volunteered to compile results of the evaluation forms. In March of each year, a reminder about the new leader orientation session should be sent to speakers and membership and Orientation Committee members. The session should also be announced via the EBSS listserv. Procedures outlining the arrangements for the new leader orientation session should be placed in the EBSS Orientation Manual on the Web.



Ellen Gilbert makes an announcement at the Consolidated Committee Meetings

Psychology & Psychiatry Committee
Brian Quinn, Texas Tech University,
Lubbock, TX

Juanita Benedicto, the committee's Liaison to Division Two of the American Psychological Association submitted a report on the Society for the Teaching of Psychology / ALA Joint Interest Task Force, which Brian Quinn distributed in her absence. The Task Force has set up a listserv, and has posted a copy of the Information Literacy Standards on its

web site along with a call for input. Members of the Task Force eventually hope to publish a book about ways of incorporating library assignments into psychology course work. They plan on adding a high school teacher and a school librarian to the Task Force in hopes of involving more high school teachers of psychology.

Carolyn Gosling, reporting for APA, distributed copies of new pricing for the Psyc INFO database which will become effective October 1, 2000. Psyc LIT will be merged into the Psyc INFO database and the Psyc LIT name will be retired. APA has created a Full-text Article Database which will be launched in the Winter of 2000.

There is a new psychology database still under construction, called E-Psyche. It is produced by a company called Database Access Group in Albuquerque, NM, and plans to index 4200 psychology journals, compared with PsychINFO's coverage of 1500. More information can be obtained at the E-Psyche web site at www.e-psyche.net.

Gary Mcmillan, of The American Psychiatric Association Library spoke briefly about his institution. Resources are being added to the WEB; a new version of DSM-IV will be published soon. The URL for this organization is www.psych.org.

Publications & Communications
Committee
Ted Wygant, Daytona Beach
Community College, FL

Committee members reported updates on publication projects for liaison responsibilities. New liaisons for outgoing committee members were decided. Julie Cunningham will serve as liaison to Instruction for Educators and Ted Wygant will serve as liaison to the Ad Hoc Management of Curriculum Materials Centers. The committee discussed various EBSS committee publication projects. Liaisons will share suggestions regarding publication projects with committees for review and discussion. Newsletter Editor Update: Helga Visscher will work with two volunteers interested in the Newsletter position. Judy Walker will assist in this effort. Further discussion will continue at MidWinter. Judy Walker has developed Listserv guidelines. This document will be shared with committee members in early fall. Further discussion and finalization of draft will be accomplished at MidWinter.

Reference Service & Resources
Committee
Julie Tharp, Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ

At our Midwinter meeting, we had discussed a possible project that involves identifying education journals falling into the categories of "peer reviewed," "juried," or "refereed." The committee had decided that requesting a searchable field in ERIC citations for this information would be the best approach. Since our last meeting, Janice has contacted Ted Brandhorst at the ERIC Processing and Reference Facility about the feasibility of adding such a field and has shared his correspondence with the rest of the group. Brandhorst assured the group that our suggestion would receive "due consideration," but he did have some questions.

We hope to bring in someone from ERIC for the Midwinter meeting. Ted Brandhorst seems a logical choice.

Social Work / Social Welfare Committee
Sally Lawler, Wayne State University,
Detroit, MI

Kate Corby helped the Committee critique its Web page. We were encouraged to use the EBSS Listserv and CSWE Newsletter to promote it, to post changes, and to recruit other library instructional web pages. We discussed moving from initial "selected web sites," to having more criteria and definition of scope and purpose (exemplary sites). We decided that each page needed to be revised and updated by a member of the committee. The collection development policy needs to be related more specifically to competencies.

Cindy Pierre shared trends going on at the University of Kansas in the Current Topics Discussion. She shared the results of a survey she did that confirmed that professors are reluctant to use class time for computer skills. Consequently UK decided to have required workshops during Orientation Week.

The committee shared other strategies that work: Survey incoming students re computer skills, and then team students with fewer computer skills with students who are more skilled. Have the librarian correct exercises. Have skills tied to an assignment. Assess and evaluate what we do in library instruc

tion. We decided to add tips for assessment and measuring outcomes to our web page. Some members volunteered to give Cindy's survey to their own faculty. We made specific assignments for improving and developing the web page.

Ad Hoc Management of Curriculum Materials Centers Committee

Jo Ann Carr, University of Wisconsin
Madison, WI

Jo Ann distributed the draft manuscript and asked committee members to review for overlaps in coverage, identification of additional material to be addressed, identification of authors of additional information and style and format considerations. This review should be completed and results sent to Jo Ann by August 15. Allison will send a revision of her and Lorene Sisson's chapter to Jo Ann for distribution. The abstracts for each chapter should be 2-3 sentences for inclusion in the Table of Contents. Two areas for additional information identified by committee members are the Assessment of Collection Development Policy and Inclusion of e-curriculum. Judy will also be sending her chapter to Jo Ann for distribution to the committee.

The suggested charge for the Ad Hoc Committee for Digital Publication of the CMC Management Guide was reviewed and revised. To extend the work of the Management of Curriculum Materials Centers Committee by developing a parallel Internet based publication. This publication should include the content of the print title and supplement it with case studies of CMC's, links among the articles in the management guide, links to CMC's and other related organizations and supplementary materials.



Navy Pier

Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the
CMC Directory
Fred Olive, University of
Alabama-Birmingham, AL

Fred Olive reported that the survey for the Directory had been approved. Hugh Thompson of ACRL publications will post on the Web Site after details for another ACRL E-project have been finalized. Fred expects the survey will be available at the beginning of the Fall Term. He requested that Committee members send him lists of curriculum materials centers. Others reported regarding the CMC Directory: For Publications Committee, Francine DeFranco and for the Ad Hoc Committee on Management of Curriculum Materials Centers, Chair, Jo Ann Carr. The committee "signed off" on the draft after a few editorial type changes.

The 4th edition was used as a basis to divide the work of solicitation of participants. John Hickock volunteered his student assistants to check other sources for additional CMCs. The chair is compiling a web page of those CMCs that have web pages to broaden the scope of the Directory. The chair will draft a "call for participation" for the 5th edition of the Directory. The committee will then send these to their list of participants when the input web site is ready. Hugh Thompson said that he would contact us when the site is ready.

Ad Hoc Committee on the
Test Collection Directory
P. Fehrmann, Kent State University, OH and
N. O'Brien, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Paul Fehrmann and Nancy O'Brien welcomed members to the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc committee. The Committee members reviewed progress of the directory. Paul Fehrmann distributed copies of selected sections for review. Discussion about the content and layout of the Introduction included the following points: The section of further sources of information should be annotated. Annotations should include a scope note and purpose of the source. Assignments to create annotations were made, with

each individual responsible for a specific reference source.

The following timeframe was agreed upon to insure completion of the directory by early fall, with submission to the EBSS Publications and Communications Committee by October 15, 2000. Send completed annotations to Nancy by July 15. All corrections, annotations, and any additional information regarding directory entries will be sent to Cheryl by August 15. She will distribute the revised directory to committee members by September 15. Comments and corrections will be due to her by October 1. The final version of the directory will be sent to the EBSS Publications and Communications Committee by October 15.

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EBSS Committee Meetings - Tentative Schedule
January 12-17, 2001 ALA Midwinter
Washington, DC [Updated schedule available](#)

Friday, January 12	Committee (Locations TBA)
4:30 pm —6:30 pm	Social Work/ Social Welfare
6:30 pm—8:30 pm	Executive Committee
8 pm —10 pm	Ad Hoc Test Collection Directory
Saturday, January 13	
8:00 am—12:30 pm	Publications and Communications
8:30 am—12:30 pm	Psychology/ Psychiatry
9:30 am—12:30 pm	Consolidated Meetings—Ad Hoc CMC Directory, Curriculum Materials, Distinguished Librarian Award, Instruction for Educators, Membership and Orientation, Reference Sources and Services
2:00 pm—4:00 pm	Ad Hoc Management of Curriculum Materials Centers
2:00 pm—4:00 pm	EBSS Current Topics Discussion
Sunday, January 14	
9:30 am—11:00 am	Advisory Council

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